

REMARKS

Pursuant to the conclusion of the telephone interview with Examiner S. Rampuria and Examiner W. Zhen on at 13:00PM EST on May 3, 2006, the Examiners agreed with the Applicants' arguments that the cited passages do not suggest, disclose, or teach all the claimed limitations of claim 1. Pursuant to the Examiners' recommendation, Applicants' response to the Final Office Action is respectfully set forth below.

35 U.S.C. § 103 REJECTIONS

Claim 1 - 32 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,598,012 issued on Jul. 22, 2003 to Berry et al. (hereinafter Berry) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,708,825 issued on Jan. 13, 1998 to Sotomayor (hereinafter Sotomayor.) Applicants respectfully traverse. Moreover, Applicants respectfully note that in order to establish obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claimed limitations must be taught or suggested by the cited references. MPEP 2143.03.

I. For claim 1, the Final Office Action cites to **col. 27, ll. 1-8** and concludes that Berry discloses the claimed limitations of "storing the new version of the trace . . . capable of navigating to a second trace log" of claim 1. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants first respectfully submit that the cited passages of Berry do not disclose, teach, or suggest the above claimed limitations. The cited passages of Berry disclose that the processes are capable of being distributed in a computer readable storage medium and a variety of other forms; the cited language of "communications links" in **col. 27, l. 9**, indicates, however, a form of "transmission-type media." That is, the cited passages are merely concerned with the forms of media in which the disclosed processes can be stored for distribution but have absolutely nothing to do with whether traces are capable of navigating to another trace log.

As such, Applicants respectfully submit that Berry does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of "traces . . . capable of navigating to a second trace log" of claim 1.

II. The final Office Action further cites to **col. 4, ll. 12 - 15** of Sotomayor and concludes that the cited passages of Sotomayor disclose the claimed limitations of “generating a new version of the trace in a markup language syntax” of claim 1.

Whether or not Sotomayor discloses the claimed limitations of “generating a new version of the trace in a markup language syntax,” Applicants respectfully submit that Sotomayor does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of “trace . . . capable of navigating to a second trace log” of claim 1 that are also lacking in Berry.

Sotomayor discloses a method for scanning documents, identifying significant key topics, and creating summary pages with embedded hyperlinks for the identified key topics. Sotomayor is, however, absolutely silent on traces and thus cannot perform at least the claimed limitations of “storing . . . the trace . . . capable of navigating to a second trace log” of claim 1. Therefore, Sotomayor fails to cure the deficiencies of Berry. Claims 17 and 32 also recite similar limitations.

As such, Applicants respectfully submit that Berry and Sotomayor, neither alone nor combined, disclose, teach, or suggest at least the claimed limitation of “storing . . . the trace . . . capable of navigating to a second trace log” of claims 1, 17, and 32 and thus cannot be used to preclude the patentability of claims 1, 17, 32, and their respective dependent claims.

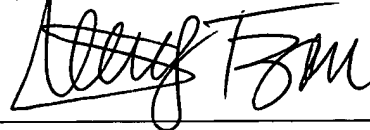
CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are believed to be warranted and such actions are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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